



NORTHEAST LICC FINAL REPORT



First Steps Facilitator: Harriet Foiles representing 31 counties

Regional LICC status: January 2004

Active LICCs: 11 representing 22 counties

Inactive LICCs: 1 representing 1 county

LICCs in development: 8 representing 8 counties

Accomplishments:

LICC Development:

There are 11 LICCs in the Northeast and East Central region of the state. These LICCs are in varying stages of development. Many have been in existence for eight to ten years and have gone through different stages of growth. All are formally organized and meet on a regular basis. Three have developed By-Laws and one has completed a Memorandum of Understanding with their SPOE. Some groups meet to network and share information while the majority have identified goals to meet the identified needs in their areas. There is one LICC that is inactive and 8 counties that do not have LICCs. Two of these counties have declined to start a group and there is one county in which development activities are just beginning.

Communication between Lead Agency and LICCs:

As First Steps Facilitator, I provided a link between the DESE, SICC, and the LICCs. A summary report of the SICC meeting was provided at the monthly LICC meeting following the SICC. Information was provided on an on-going basis as it was received and identified needs and concerns from the local level were shared with the SICC and DESE.

Public Awareness/Child Find:

All of the LICCs have chosen public awareness as a goal. They have completed various activities: 3 have developed brochures; 3 have manned informational tables at community health fairs; 1 presented at hospital Grand Rounds; 2 have distributed flyers to community locations; 2 have delivered information packets to physicians; 2 have placed articles in local newspapers; 3 have distributed parent notebooks to families; and 1 has developed and distributed a resource directory.

Provider Recruitment:

The LICCs are very concerned about provider availability in their areas. They have brainstormed possible providers and persons to contact. They have made personal contacts in the local community. The actual recruitment activities have been conducted by the Facilitator.

Issues and Concerns:

Family participation

Provider availability

Child find

Funding for LICC activities